



Community Matters

June 20, 2021

This Sunday - "Fathers and Flowers" with the Flower Communion!

I look forward to being with you again this Sunday for "Fathers and Flowers" with the Flower Communion! This will be our final "regular service" of the year before summer services begin. You don't want to miss it! In addition to the flowers, there will be very special gathering video music by Patti Sardella and her brother... great UU Ukes and Choir music... some special RE thanks and the introduction of our new Director of Religious Education, who starts on August 1!

Once again we will use YouTube Live for our service. Simply go to <http://youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live> and the live video will come up! If you have trouble with that, you can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If YouTube Live isn't working, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserve.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won't be much to see until 9:56 a.m. or so when the gathering video starts. (If you get there very early, you might need to refresh your browser.)

Virtual Joys and Concerns and Coffee Hour after the service and that link information will also be included in the Sunday morning listserve email. The Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:



[REDACTED - email minister@fcuittle.org for info]

You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to "Join Meeting" in Zoom.

In faith,
Rev. Lara

Religious Education Corner — June theme: Play

This past Thursday President Biden signed a bill into law making Juneteenth a federal holiday! President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in 1863. This news took a long time to reach everyone. On June 19, 1865, troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and freed all the enslaved people.

A year later, the day was called Jubilee Day and was celebrated on June 19 every year. Texas made Juneteenth a holiday in 1980, making it the first state to honor the day.

Have a wonderful summer and we hope you PLAY!

The RE Committee,
Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily



*I'm so glad we had this time together
Just to have a laugh, or sing a song.
Seems we just got started
and before you know it
Comes the time we have
to say, 'So long.'*

by Joe Hamilton



Mental Health Support Group—June 20 at 6PM

The topic of discussion is **Dealing with Stigma**.

This group is for people living with a mental illness and is open to members of the FCU community. The Mental Health Support Group meets on the first and third Sunday at 6PM. For more information contact Patti Sardella at pjsardella56@gmail.com or (978) 621-1065.

Join Zoom Meeting
[REDACTED -- email pjsardella56@gmail.com for info]

Annual Minister Evaluation Survey - June 10th - June 20th

Every year the Standing Committee is required to evaluate Rev. Lara per her contract. We would appreciate your feedback on how she has performed this past year and how she can be even more effective in the upcoming year. All questions are optional and anonymous. Thank you!

Please submit Rev. Lara's Annual Minister Evaluation Survey by **Sunday, June 20th**.
Minister survey link: [REDACTED - email sc@fculittle.org for info]
With much gratitude,
The Standing Committee

Jammin' in the Kitchen — we need your jars!



Jammin' in the Kitchen is back, busy cooking and capping every Tuesday. It almost feels like normal! One thing that isn't quite normal yet is jars. If you have empty jam jars, especially 4 and 8 ounce, we would love to fill them up again! There will be a marked bin in front of the church where you can leave them, or contact me at kersland1@gmail.com to make other arrangements. Thank you! Kris Erslund for Jammin' in the Kitchen

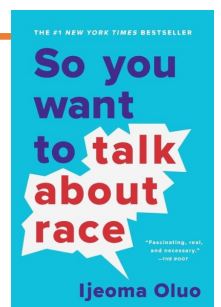
From the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC)

"This promise -- you will get more because they exist to get less -- is woven throughout our entire society. Our politics, our education system, our infrastructure--anywhere there is a finite amount of power, influence, visibility, wealth or opportunity. Anywhere someone might miss out. Anywhere there might not be enough. There the lure of that promise sustains racism." from Ijeoma Oluo's book SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE.

Please join RJAC to **learn, unlearn and shift together** on **Saturday June 19th at 7pm** to watch Jennifer Eberhardt's TED Talk and discuss over zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: REDACTED - email racialjustice@fculittle.org for info]

Click here to watch!
Jennifer L. Eberhardt:
How racial bias works -- and how to disrupt it.



Attention Campers

Our opportunity to reserve a campsite at Lake Dennison Recreation Area is fast approaching. As in past years, the annual FCU camping trip will be centered on the North side of the campground the weekend before Labor Day. This year, that means starting August 27, you can enjoy campfires, swimming, kayaking, biking, hiking, and especially hanging out with FCU friends in a beautiful outdoor setting. We usually share food as well as conversation. Make reservations now at reserveamerica.com. For more information please call Pam or Joel.

Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fculittle.org



First Church Unitarian, Littleton

~ Sunday, June 20, 2021 ~

Fathers and Flowers

ORDER OF SERVICE

~~ *Gathering Video, "Please Send Me Someone to Love" by Percy Mayfield, arranged and performed by Ken (guitars) and Patti Sardella (vocals), starts around 9:56 a.m.~~*

Community Matters (Cindy Malley, Deacon)

Prelude "Blue Skies" by Irving Berlin (Peter Erslund, Laura Semple, Eric Semple, and Jim Barisano)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Harry Palmer)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #1000 "Morning Has Come" (The Church Choir, directed by Molly Lozeau)

A Time for All Ages "Four in One"

Story "The Book With No Pictures" by B.J. Novak (Susan Palmer)

RE Gathering Video

RE Recognition (Karen Tucker-Barisano)

Introduction (next year's DRE!)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory "Let the River Run" by Carly Simon, arr. Craig Hella Johnson (The Church Choir with Charlie Weeks, drums)

Homily "Fathers and Flowers in Three Parts" (Lara and The Church Choir)

Flower Communion

Closing Song "What a Wonderful World" by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss (congregation)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude "A Parting Blessing" by J. Jerome Williams (The Church Choir)

Announcements/Joys & Concerns/Virtual Coffee Hour will follow on Zoom

